

VIRGINIA STANDARDS OF LEARNING ASSESSMENTS

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SELECTED ITEMS FOR GRADE 8 HISTORY

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History and Social Science

DIRECTIONS

Read each question and choose the best answer.

- 1 Which of these immigrant groups came to America late in the 19th century and helped build the railroads?**

A Germans
B Chinese
C Polish
D Haitians

- 2 The economy of the Southern colonies was based *primarily* on which of the following?**

F Agriculture
G Fishing
H Manufacturing
J Mining

- 3 Which type of economic system is based on private ownership of property and the profit motive?**

A Traditional
B Command
C Subsistence
D Capitalism

- 4 Prices should begin to increase whenever —**

F demand and supply are both high
G supply is high and demand is low
H demand is high and supply is low
J supply and demand are both low

- 5 Money paid to the federal government by individuals comes *mostly* from taxes on their —**

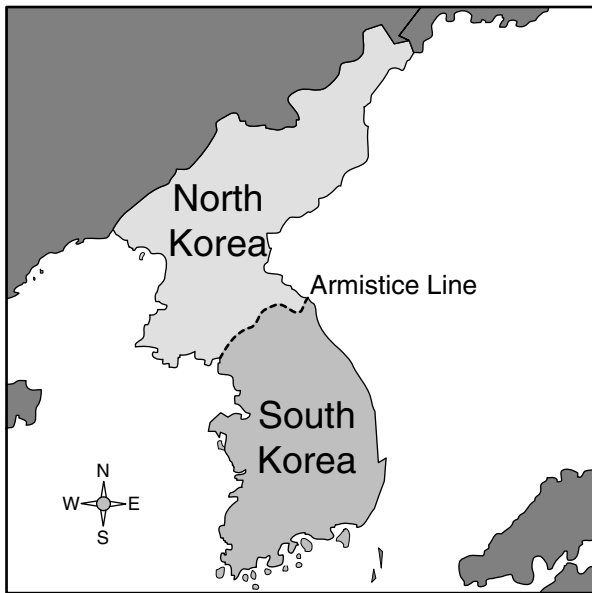
A homes
B income
C gasoline purchases
D food purchases

- 6 Which was a common characteristic of Nazi Germany, fascist Italy, and the communist Soviet Union?**

F They had similar economic policies.
G They had the same religious beliefs.
H They were ruled by dictatorships.
J They had fought on the same side in World War I.

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Region 1



Region 2



United States involvement in the regions shown on the maps was because of concerns over —

- A environmental pollution
- B the growth of fascism
- C trade barriers
- D the spread of communism

8 Which was *not* one of the Axis powers during World War II?

- F Germany
- G Japan
- H China
- J Italy

9 Persons born in the United States automatically become —

- A taxpayers
- B citizens
- C registered voters
- D candidates for military service

10 In 1962, President John F. Kennedy blockaded Cuba because of the presence there of —

- F Soviet missiles
- G illegal drugs
- H Spanish battleships
- J infectious diseases

Answer Key

Test Sequence	Correct Answer
1	B
2	F
3	D
4	H
5	B
6	H
7	D
8	H
9	B
10	F

